

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 9, 10, 12-27, 29-41, 43, 44, 46-56, and 61 remain for consideration in the above-identified patent application, claims 8, 11, 28, 42, 45, and 57-60 having been cancelled by this Preliminary Amendment.

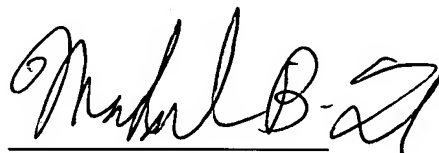
This Preliminary Amendment is made solely to correct minor typographical errors and leading to a possible lack of clarity and to place the claims in better form for consideration by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, as well as to reduce claim number. This Preliminary Amendment is made for no other reason.

This Preliminary Amendment is made on the basis of the claims as amended by the Amendment Before the International Preliminary Examining Authority submitted on October 28, 2005, submitted during the prosecution of the above-identified PCT application before the International Preliminary Examining Authority. Thus, the amendment of October 28, 2005 was submitted before the initiation of national stage prosecution of the above-identified patent application in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Accordingly, the amendments to the claims introduce no new matter. Entry of the amendments to the claims is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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